

SELECTBOARD MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, December 16, 2014, 6:00 p.m, Old Schoolhouse Common

Present: Selectboard members John Warshow, Chris Martin, and Andy Perchlik; Town Clerk Bobbi Brimblecombe (latter part of meeting); Assistant Town Clerk Winnie Valenza; Visitor Ed Jalbert, Liza Earle-Centers

At 6:00 p.m. the meeting was called to order by Chair Chris Martin

Stranahan Town Forest: Board had a discussion with Ed Jalbert. on the timber sale in the Stanahan Forest. Ed said he would be able to get the details needed to finalize the sale documents so that the bid request could go out before the end of the year.

The Board agreed that the Town Clerk should send a letter to all abutters of the property alerting them to the impending sale of timber and thus the logging that would be happening.

In discussing the sale Ed reported that someone had placed no trespassing signs along part of the property line with the Sioufis. It looked like the Sioufis had placed the signs about 75' into the Town's property, inside the Stranahan Town Forest, and thus the foresters didn't mark any trees past the signs, but Ed said there were likely some trees past the signs, but before the property line, that could be marked for harvest.

The Board said that the Town Clerk should send a letter to the Mike Sioufi saying that the town has discovered the signs and that the town will take them down as they are on Town land within the Stranahan Town Forest Property. The letter should also inform him of the sale and that trees could be harvested near the property line past the signs that were posted. The letter can inform Mike S. that if he has questions or concerns he could contact Ed. Jalbert as Ed is coordinating the timber sale and has done recent investigations on the property line.

Sidewalks: Liza Earle-Centers talked to the Selectboard about the lack of sidewalk clearing that is happening on the Village sidewalk along Route 2. She expressed concern for the safety of those that need to walk along that part of the road. She said she has been trying to find someone that is willing to do the clearing for the town and hopes the town will contract with someone soon. The SB said they want to contract with someone but haven't been able to find anyone willing to do the work.

[Winnie entered the meeting]

Budget: Liza also talked to the SB about the Library's proposed budget for 2015. Of particular discussion were the pay increases included for the library staff. The SB accepted the budget to include on the town warning.

Executive Session: John W. moved that the SB go into executive session to discuss a personnel issue. Seconded by Andy P. The Board returned to open session.
[Bobbi entered the meeting]

Budgets: The Selectboard discussed the budget, including how much to put in the cemetery fund and whether or not to continue funding Field Notes now that it is no longer being mailed. The Plainfield Selectboard wants to meet with one of the Marshfield Selectboard members and a representative from the school.

The Selectboard will hold a special meeting on December 30 to review the final bills and discuss a possible budget surplus.

Personnel: John moved to increase Winnie Valenza's hourly rate by 62¢ and other employees by 2%. Andy seconded – all in favor.

Unlicensed dogs: Dog Officer Jo Guertin has visited the residents of the Hollister Hill Apartments who have still not licensed their dogs, and given them a deadline of December 19th.

Expenses, Permits & Payroll: Selectboard members read and signed reports for General Expenses and Payroll.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrew Perchlik, Selectboard Member
Bobbi Brimblecombe, Town Clerk

The foregoing is a true copy of the Minutes of the December 16, 2014 Selectboard Meeting.
A True Record. Attest, _____, Town Clerk
